WHEREAS, The South Dakota Department of Social Services, adoptive parents and concerned citizens recognize that every child has the right to grow up in a secure, loving family and that this experience lays the foundation for a happy, productive adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, There are several hundred children in South Dakota in need of permanent, loving homes; and,

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of the South Dakota Department of Social Services to encourage the adoption of all children who need homes, especially those known as "special needs" children--children eight years of age or older, Native American children, children with physical or emotional problems and children who are part of sibling groups requiring placement together; and,

WHEREAS, These "special needs" children require families willing to accept their "special needs"; and,

WHEREAS, The successful placement of these "special needs" children depends on increased public awareness of the urgency and importance of finding homes for these children; and,

WHEREAS, The Lyle LaFramboise family of Pierre exemplifies the spirit and dedication of adoptive parents needed for these "special needs" children:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 18-24, 1979, as

ADOPTION AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota to focus public attention on the need for adoptive parents for "special needs" children and to recognize the meaningful contributions of adoptive families across the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-nine

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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